

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: Sites are located on a gentle, south-facing slope between the trail and Big Dutch Creek. Sites are situated 0.3 mi. above the Grand Ditch Road. The ruins of cabins remain near the sites which were constructed during the late 19th Century when prospectors of gold and silver searched the Never Summer Mountains. The 6 to 8 ft. high stumps around the ruins indicate that the miners cut timber when the snow was deep. Sites are marked by a metal arrowhead on a post. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

Number of Sites: 2

Distance: 5.8 mi. from CO River TH via Red Mtn trail
7.3 mi. from Poudre Pass

Privy: NO

Elevation: 10,480 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 3 to 4 hrs.

Elevation Change: 1,440 ft. from CO River TH
310 ft. from Poudre Pass

Water Source: Water available from Big Dutch Creek. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): The CO River TH is located on the west side of Trail Ridge Road, 10.2 mi. north of the Grand Lake Entrance Station. Also accessible from the Never Summer TH at La Poudre Pass located at the end of Long Draw Road, 12 mi. south of Hwy. 14 in the Roosevelt NF.

